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INK JET RECORDING PAPER

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 13, 2003, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9 and 10 and add claim 12 as follows:

9. (Amended) An ink jet recording paper having a high ink coloring density and a high ink absorption speed, said paper comprising from 10 to 100% by weight of mercerized pulp based on an entire fiber material and 90 to 0% by weight of paper making pulp, having a liquid transfer length in Bristow's method according to J. Tappi No. 51-87 of 100mm or less, when distilled water has been set at 50 μ L in a head box of 1mm slit width and 15mm slit length and the moving speed of a test specimen has been set to 5.0mm/sec.

10. (Amended) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 9 wherein said paper has a coating which does not exceed the liquid transfer length in Bristow's method of 100mm.